

Lutherans from all over the Pittsburgh area joined Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel in the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh for Choral Vespers at 4 PM on February 2. Holy Cross is a new mission plant of Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries and First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. The prayer service was led by the Rev'd. Douglas Spittel who is the pastor at First Trinity and Holy Cross Chapel, the Rev'd. Berton Greenway preached the homily, and music was provided by Kantor Jonathan Hoyt and the choir and brass from First Trinity Lutheran Church. Prayer was offered in thanksgiving for the many blessings which our Lord has bestowed upon this mission. The feast of the Presentation of our Lord, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Candlemas were all observed at this Choral Vespers service.

After Vespers, Rev'd. Spittel and Vicar Timothy Kern offered tours of the Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel facilities and answered questions about the history of the mission and of the building. Light refreshments were provided in the undercroft. This provided an opportunity for the members of Holy Cross to welcome and get to know their fellow Pittsburgh area Lutherans.

